East Kent Freemasons Help with Protection and Connection

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The Freemasons of East Kent, West Kent, Sussex, and Surrey have joined forces together with the Masonic Charitable Foundation in London and purchased 50,000 Face Shields and 200 Samsung Galaxy Android Tablets to be distributed.

The Face Shields will be distributed to support charities and other worthy causes throughout Kent, Sussex and Surrey to front line care staff that are in urgent need of Face Shields to stay safe and who struggle to procure such items.

The Samsung Galaxy Android Tablets will be also distributed to those areas to be placed in the main hospitals and will allow bed dependent hospital patients receiving treatment for COVID-19 to stay in touch with their families.

Neil Johnstone, the Head of East Kent Freemasons said:

"COVID-19 is unprecedented in our life-time and is certainly affecting many of our local communities in East Kent. The provision of these Face Shields and Tablets will enable us to help bring some relief to our front-line staff in staying safe and reassurance to patients and families by keeping them in touch during these most challenging times".

The five main hospitals in East Kent to benefit from receiving the Samsung Galaxy Android Tablets are Medway Maritime, Maidstone General, William Harvey, Kent and Canterbury and the QEQM in Margate.

Chief Executive at Medway Maritime Hospital James Devine said,

"We are delighted to receive them on behalf of the Trust. The tablets will be used by staff to support patients during the COVID-19 outbreak and beyond".

By connecting those suffering from the virus with people at home, it is thought it will bring some relief to their close family and give a boost to the patients in hospital.

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Photos attached.

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